

August 10, 2005

**A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CITY OF KINGSVILLE, TEXAS, CITY COMMISSION WAS HELD ON WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 10, 2005 IN THE HONORABLE ROBERT H. ALCORN COMMISSION CHAMBERS, CITY HALL / 200 EAST KLEBERG AVENUE 11:30 A.M.**

**CITY COMMISSION PRESENT:**

Sam R Fugate, Mayor  
Charles Wilson, Commissioner  
Al Garcia, Commissioner  
Stanley Laskowski, Commissioner  
Arturo Pecos, Commissioner

**CITY STAFF PRESENT:**

Carlos Yerena, City Manager  
Courtney Alvarez, City Attorney  
Edna S Lopez, City Secretary  
Dora Byington, Purchasing Director  
Daniel Almeida, Wastewater Supervisor  
Frank Garcia, Field Supervisor  
Diana Gonzales, Human Resource Director  
Stanley Fees, City Engineer  
J R Ibarra, Task Force  
Ricardo Torres, Police Chief  
Al Lopez, Fire Chief  
Anita Stewart, Task Force  
Barry Blackstock, Police Department  
Petra Garcia, Asst. Accountant

**I. Preliminary Proceedings.**

**OPEN MEETING**

Mayor Fugate called the meeting to order in the Commission Chambers at 11:34 A.M.

**INVOCATION / PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – (Mayor Fugate)**

The invocation was delivered by Ms Dora Byington, followed by the Pledge of Allegiance and the Texas Pledge.

**MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING(S) – Required by Law**

NONE

**II. Public Hearing - (Required by Law).<sup>1</sup>**

1. NONE

**III. Petitions, Grievances, and Presentations.<sup>2</sup>**

1. Review and discuss proposed fiscal year 2005-2006 budget for departments of the City of Kingsville.

a.Parks

Mayor Fugate stated that Ms Ivy was not in attendance due to family medical emergency. City Manager Yerena stated Ms Ivy had some information to provide to the Commission.

b.Task Force

Mr. J R Ibarra addressed the Commission and provided information on vacant positions within the department, and concerns with line items: motor gas & oil

and communications. He touched on Capital Outlay, providing information a request for a new vehicle. Decision was made to increase the amount for Motor Gas & Oil. City Manager Yerena stated that the Task Force understands that the City's budget does not support them.

A lengthy discussion followed regarding grants.

#### c.Purchasing

Ms Byington stated her budget was the same except that she needed an increase to Account 211. Decision was made to increase this item by \$475.

#### d.Wastewater

Mr. Daniel Almeida voiced his concern for the amount budgeted for overtime. City Manager Yerena stated the amount allowed is enough due to this department receiving new equipment which would cut down on some of the overtime. Mr. Almeida requested an increase of \$860 for account #217. Commissioner Laskowski recommended using monies from Certificate of Obligations. Mr. Almeida explained the expenditures for Account #543.

In the budget for the South Plant 700.2, Mr. Almeida stated that the overtime amount budgeted is fine; and he expressed his concerns with the amounts in accounts #214, 411 & 543.

In the Collections Department 700.3, Mr. Almeida expressed his concern about the amount budgeted for overtime and recommended the amount of \$17,000 be allowed. He explained the need for more money in account #217.

Decision was made to use some of the bond monies.

Commissioner Laskowski asked for an explanation to the changes made to the Fund Balance. City Manager Yerena explained the change occurred with a telecommunication operator position. He stated that the Police Department salaries in each division have been budgeted correctly.

Mayor Fugate called for a recess for lunch at 12:15 P.M.

Mayor Fugate reconvened the meeting at 12:40 P.M.

#### e.Other Departments

##### Finance Department

Ms Caron Vela stated as far as the budget everything is fine. She explained the main reason for Form 6 would be for title and range changes. City Manager Yerena stated he would not like to see any of these changes.

Mayor Fugate suggested that next year the City do a salary study for all positions.

There was discussion regarding the salary line item. The car allowance for the Finance Director was omitted. Commissioner Garcia requested information on personnel receiving car allowance.

Fire Department

Chief Al Lopez provided information regarding the department's overtime. He explained the overtime figure for last year was \$78,000 and has been only allowed \$30,000. Items discussed to bring in revenue will take awhile. The \$30,000 allowed will only work for 5-6 months.

Police Department:

Chief Ricardo Torres stated salaries have been worked out; individuals are in the right place in the budget.

Commissioner Wilson stated he wanted the right people in the right place, now.

Chief Torres reported they are staffed 100%.

City Commission:

Ms Vela stated that more monies have been budgeted in salaries and car allowance due to the upcoming election.

Commissioner Wilson reminded Staff that the Commissioners that are not paid do not get health insurance.

There were questions regarding accounts #311 and 314. Decision was made to decrease the amounts in accounts# 217, 311 & 314.

City Manager:

City Manager Yerena stated this department's budget has been cut.

City Special:

Commissioner Laskowski questioned the monies for the South Texas Military Task Force. Mayor Fugate stated he will find out if this is still needed.

2. City Manager's Report. (City Manager).

Mayor Fugate called for the City Manager's report. City Manager Yerena reported on the completion of the roof repairs and the start of the mold remediation at the Fire Department; on the Police Department receiving \$50,000 grant for surveillance equipment; on the fence work at Public Works; and on attending an I-69 meeting.

3. City Attorney's Report. (City Attorney).

Mayor Fugate called for the City Attorney's report. Ms Alvarez reported on the water negotiating meeting, stating that a draft contract would be ready by the end of day; vacation leave on Thursday and Friday; and the closeout on the Texas Capital Fund.

4. City Commission's Reports. (City Commission).

Mayor Fugate called for the City Commission's report. Commissioner Garcia requested an item regarding the Raul Rubio situation to be put on the next agenda.

**IV. Public Comment on Agenda Items** <sup>3</sup>

1. Comments on all agenda and non-agenda items.

NONE

**V. Consent Agenda**

**1. Motion approving an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinances Chapter V, Article 3, Water, providing for an increase in Water Rates; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date and publication. (City Manager).**

**2. Motion approving an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinance Chapter V, Article 2, Sewers, providing for an increase in Sewer Rates; repealing all ordinances in conflict herewith and providing for an effective date and publication. (City Manager).**

**3. Motion approving an ordinance amending the City of Kingsville Code of Ordinance Chapter IX, Article 4, Fair Housing, providing for additional protected classes. (City Attorney).**

Mayor Fugate called for consideration of the consent agenda. Commissioner Wilson made a motion to accept the consent agenda, seconded by Commissioner Pecos. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Garcia, Laskowski, Pecos, Wilson voting "FOR".

**REGULAR AGENDA**

**CONSIDERATION OF MOTIONS, RESOLUTIONS, AND ORDINANCES:**

**VI. Items for consideration by Commissioners.** <sup>4</sup>

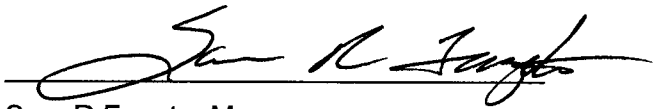
**4. Consider Resolution authorizing the City Manager to apply for the Texas Department of Transportation, FY 06 STEP Wave grant. (City Manager).**

Chief Torres provided information about the grant. This grant is specifically targeted at speeders and persons driving under the influence of intoxicating substances.

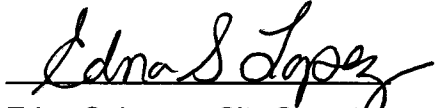
Commissioner Laskowski made a motion to authorize the City Manager to apply for the Texas Department of Transportation, FY 06 STEP Wave grant, seconded by Commissioners Wilson and Garcia. The motion was passed and approved by the following vote: Fugate, Pecos, Wilson, Garcia, Laskowski voting "FOR".

**VII. Adjournment.**

There being no further business to come before the City Commission, the meeting was adjourned at 1:30 P.M. on August 10, 2005.

  
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Sam R Fugate, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Edna S. Lopez, City Secretary